### RED STICKER OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (OHV) ASSESSMENT UPDATE

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- OHV Program Status Update
- Population Evaluation
- OHMC User Survey
- Emissions Testing
- Findings and Next Steps

#### INTRODUCTION

- ARB Staff went to the Board in 2013 to propose evaporative controls for OHVs
- At that time, the Board approved the proposal for green sticker evaporative controls and directed ARB staff to conduct an assessment of the red sticker program
- The purpose of the assessment is to investigate the evaporative and exhaust emissions impact of red sticker OHVs
- This assessment includes a vehicle population evaluation, emissions testing, and a user survey

### **ASSESSMENT COMPONENTS**

Emissions = Vehicle Pop.  $\times$  Activity  $\times$  Emissions Rate

Exhaust Emissions

 $= # of vehicles \times miles driven \times g pollutant/mile$ 

Evaporative Emissions

 $= # of vehicles \times hours stored \times g pollutant/hour$ 



**POPULATION EVALUATION** 



USER SURVEY



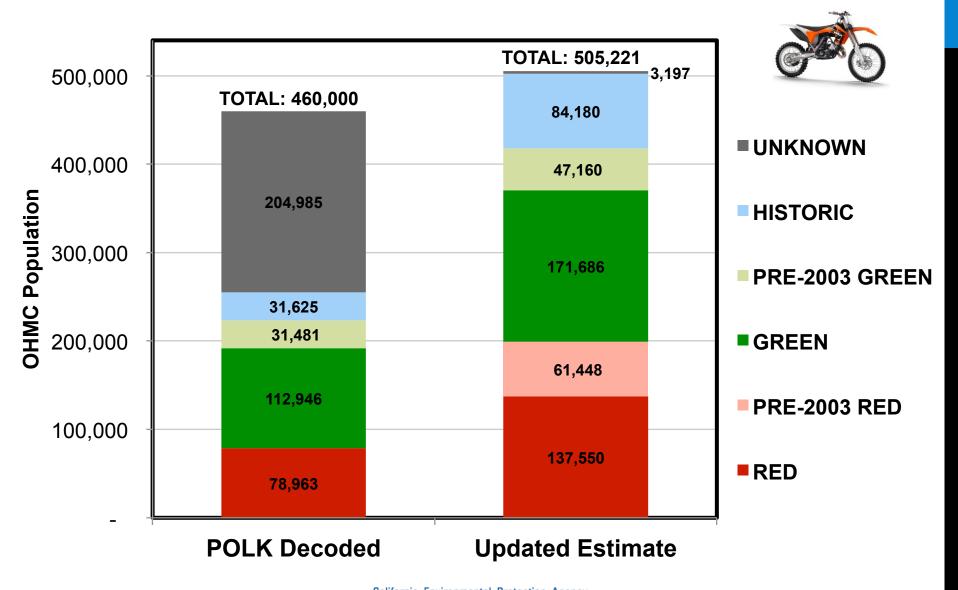
**EMISSIONS TESTING** 

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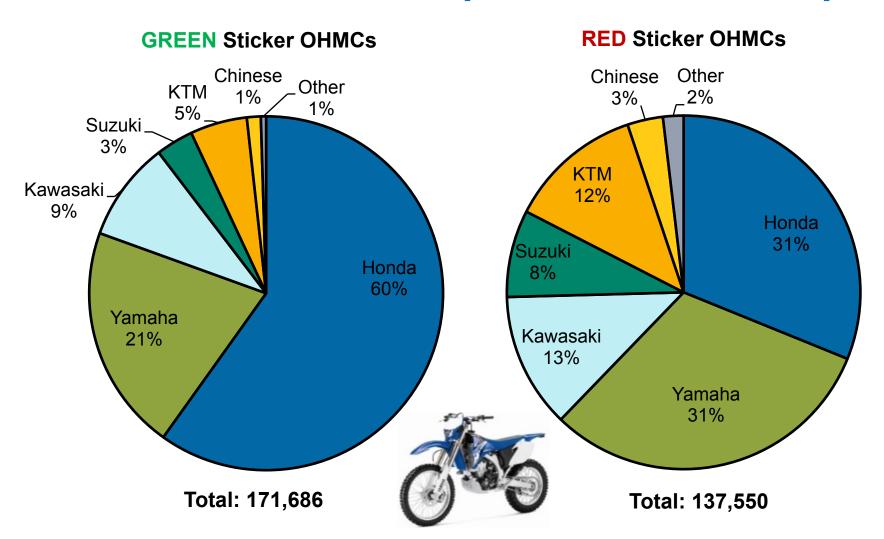
# POPULATION EVALUATION PROCEDURE

- Received DMV data for red sticker off-highway motorcycle (OHMC) assessment
  - Used to select models in test matrix and survey participants
- 2. Found that the POLK VIN decoder used was not developed to recognize off-road vehicles
  - Only select models from major manufacturers were identified
- 3. Conducted analysis to further identify OHV population
  - Manually decoded and sorted 2.6 million DMV records
  - Digitized entire ARB certification database
- 4. Broke down population by sticker type and category using the certification database
- When completed, this research will be utilized to build a VIN decoder for OHVs

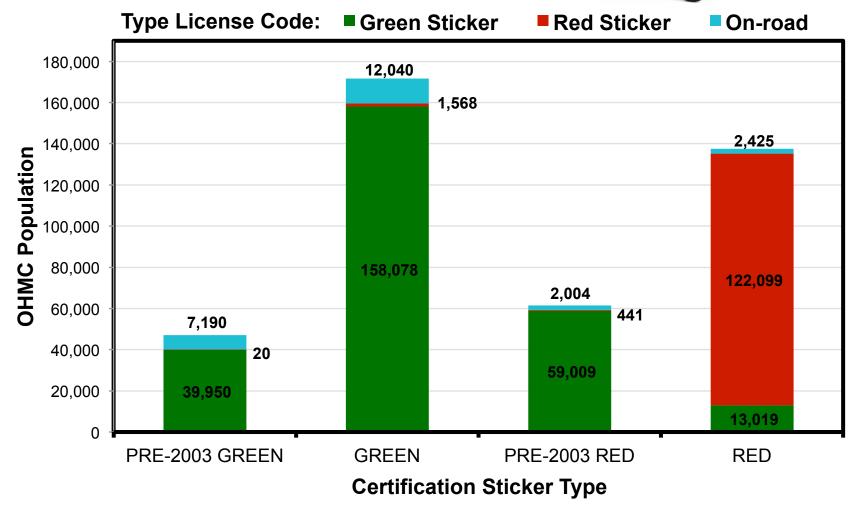
### **2013 OHMC POPULATION**



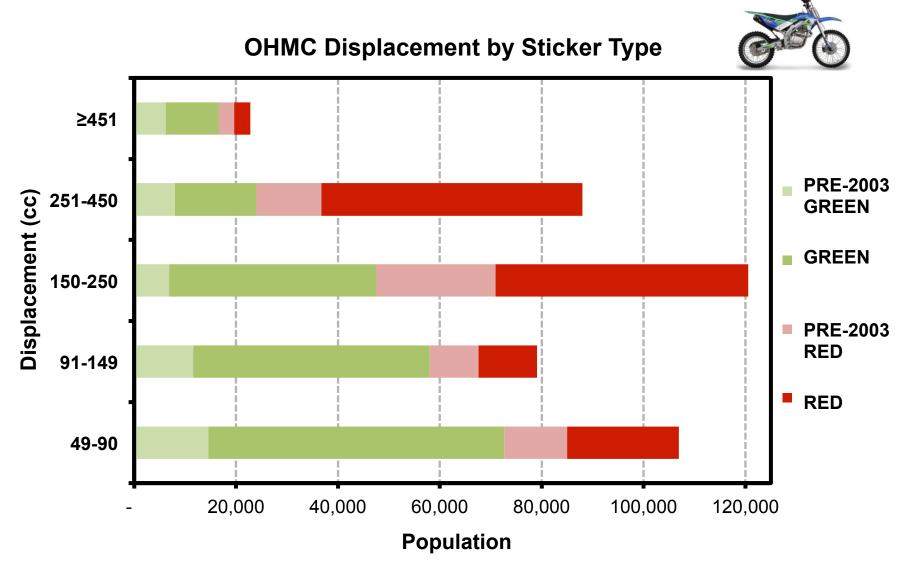
## OHMC POPULATION BY MANUFACTURER (2003-CURRENT)



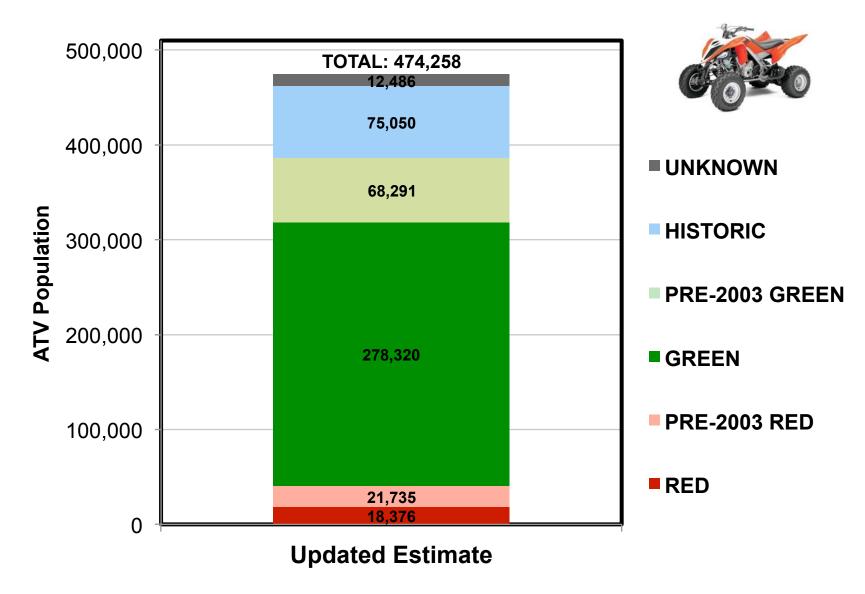
# OHMC REGISTRATION BY STICKER TYPE



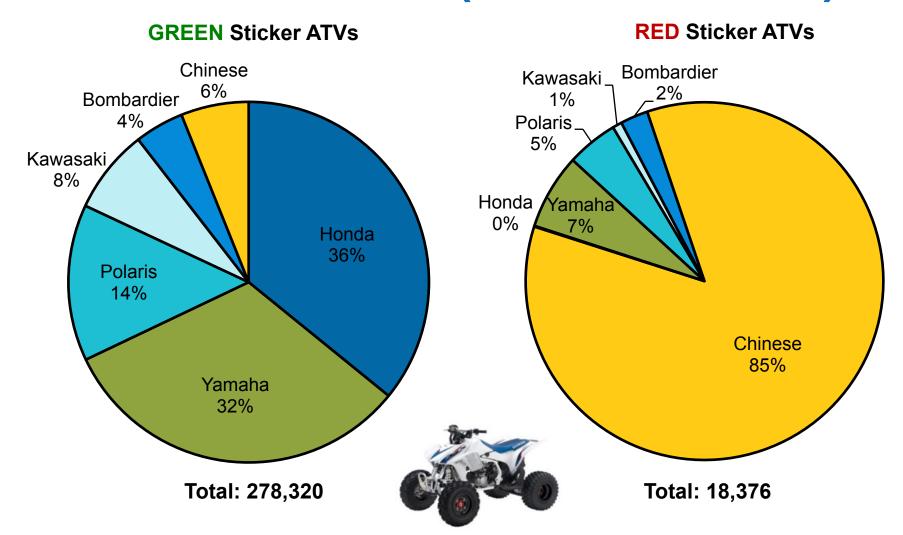
### **DISPLACEMENT COMPARISON**



### **2013 ATV POPULATION**



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### **OHMC USER SURVEY**

- Activity and usage survey being conducted by UC Davis
  - Collaboration between ARB and the State Parks OHV Division
  - Results will help us to understand rider preferences and to quantify vehicle usage
- Postcard invitation to participate in online survey randomly sent to registered off-highway motorcycle and dual sport owners
- The survey will gather 2,900 responses from owners of 1,200 red sticker, 720 green sticker, 500 historic, and 480 dual sport OHV owners
- Minor revisions are being made and main survey is expected to begin in October 2015

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### EMISSIONS TESTING OBJECTIVES AND SELECTION CRITERIA

### OBJECTIVE: To investigate red sticker off-highway motorcycle (OHMC) evaporative and exhaust emissions

- Conduct emissions testing on 18 new and in-use OHMCs
  - Vehicles selected based on 2004 2012 DMV registration data
- Evaluate emission differences between OHMC categories
  - Two-stroke/four-stroke
  - Carbureted/fuel-injected
  - Unmodified/modified



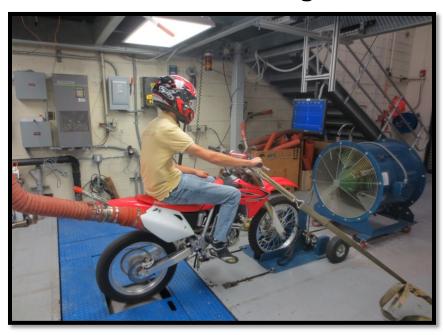
### **EMISSIONS TEST FACILITIES**

#### **Evaporative Testing**



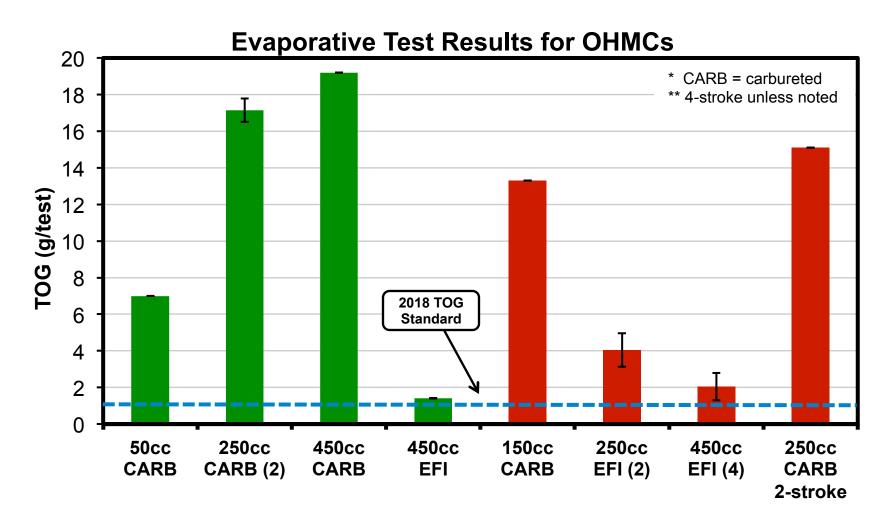
Sealed Housing for Evaporative Determination (SHED)

#### **Exhaust Testing**

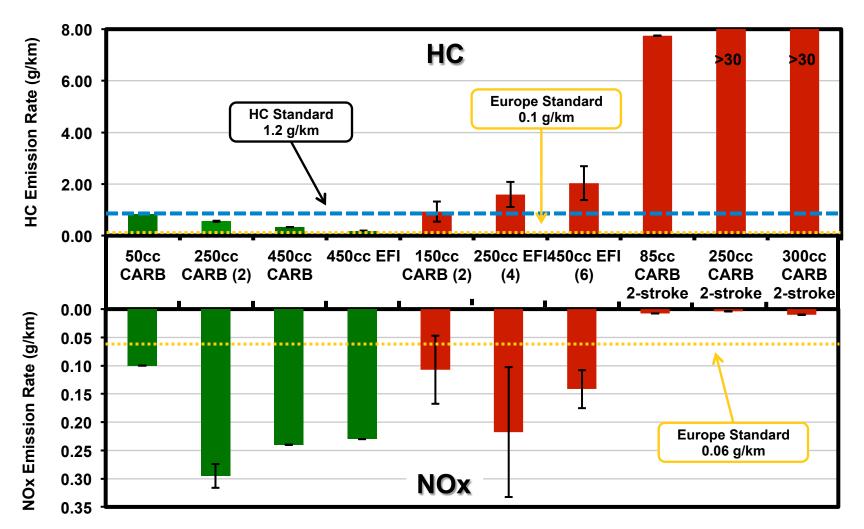


Motorcycle / ATV Dynamometer

# PRELIMINARY EVAPORATIVE EMISSIONS TEST RESULTS



# PRELIMINARY EXHAUST EMISSIONS TEST RESULTS

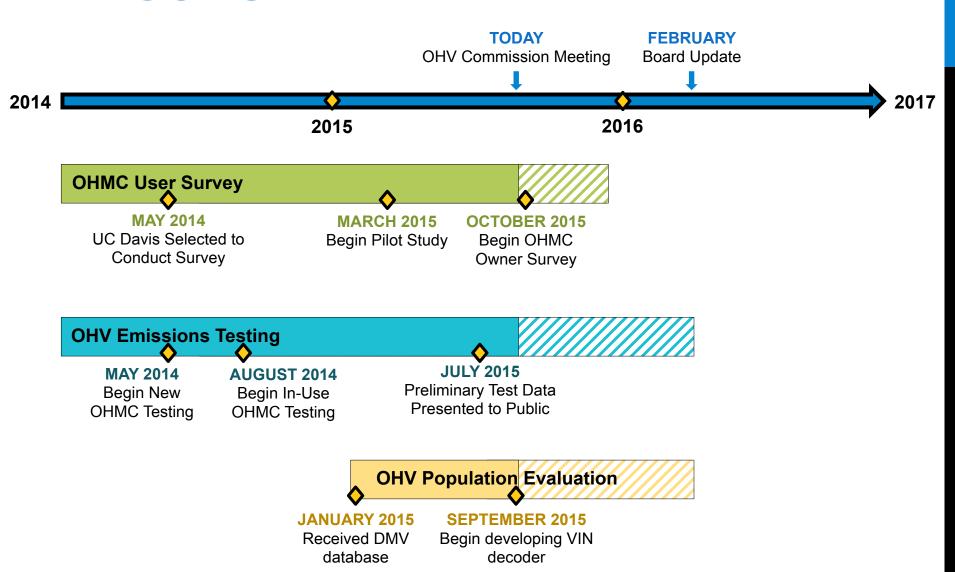


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### **MAJOR FINDINGS**

- 1. The population of red sticker OHMCs is 2.5x larger than indicated by utilizing the POLK VIN decoder
- 2. Vehicles are not always issued the correct registration
- 3. 75% of red sticker OHMCs have displacements >150cc
- 4. Findings from OHV user survey are expected in Winter 2015
- 5. Larger displacement 2-stroke OHMCs emit levels of HC exceeding instrument upper limits

### PROJECT TIMELINE



#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Continue emissions testing to complete test matrix
- Evaluate responses from usage and activity survey
- Build VIN decoder from newly decoded data
  - Acquire Model Attribute Matrix (MAX) model from MIC to define OHV characteristics
- Host technical working group meeting and a stakeholder workshop to share final survey data
- Update Board in February 2016

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### **QUESTIONS?**







